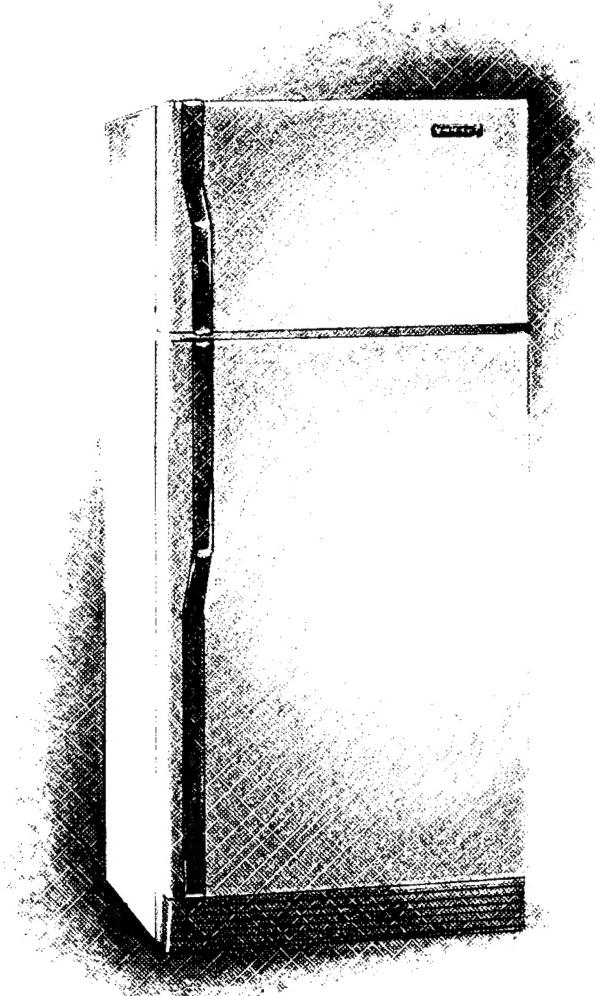


# KitchenAid<sup>TM</sup>

No-Frost  
Refrigerator-Freezer

**Model KTRF18K**



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# Important Safety Instructions

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury when using the refrigerator, follow basic precautions including the following:

- Read all instructions before using the refrigerator.
- Child entrapment and suffocation are not problems of the past. Junked or abandoned refrigerators are still dangerous... even if they will "just sit in the garage a few days." If you are getting rid of your old refrigerator, do it safely. Please read the enclosed safety booklet from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Help prevent accidents.
- Never allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the refrigerator.
- Never clean refrigerator parts with flammable fluids. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.

## — FOR YOUR SAFETY —

**DO NOT STORE OR USE GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE VAPORS AND LIQUIDS IN THE VICINITY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER APPLIANCE. THE FUMES CAN CREATE A FIRE HAZARD OR EXPLOSION.**

It is your responsibility to be sure your refrigerator:

- is installed and leveled on a floor that will hold the weight, and in an area suitable for its size and use.
- is connected only to the right kind of outlet, with the right electrical supply and grounding. (Refer to the Electrical Requirements and Grounding Instructions Sheet.)
- is used only to do what home refrigerators are designed to do.
- is not near an oven, radiator or other heat source.
- is properly maintained.
- is out of the weather.
- is used in an area where the room temperature will not fall below 55°F (13°C).
- is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.
- is not loaded with food before it has time to get properly cold.

## — SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS —

# Ownership Registration

Please fill out and mail your Ownership Registration Card packed with the Use and Care Guide. This card will enable us to contact you in the unlikely event of a product safety notification and assist us in complying with the provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act. Return of this card is not necessary to validate your warranty.

You must provide proof of purchase or installation date for in-warranty service.

Write down the following information. You will need it if your refrigerator ever requires service.

**Model Number\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Serial Number\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Purchased** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Installed** \_\_\_\_\_

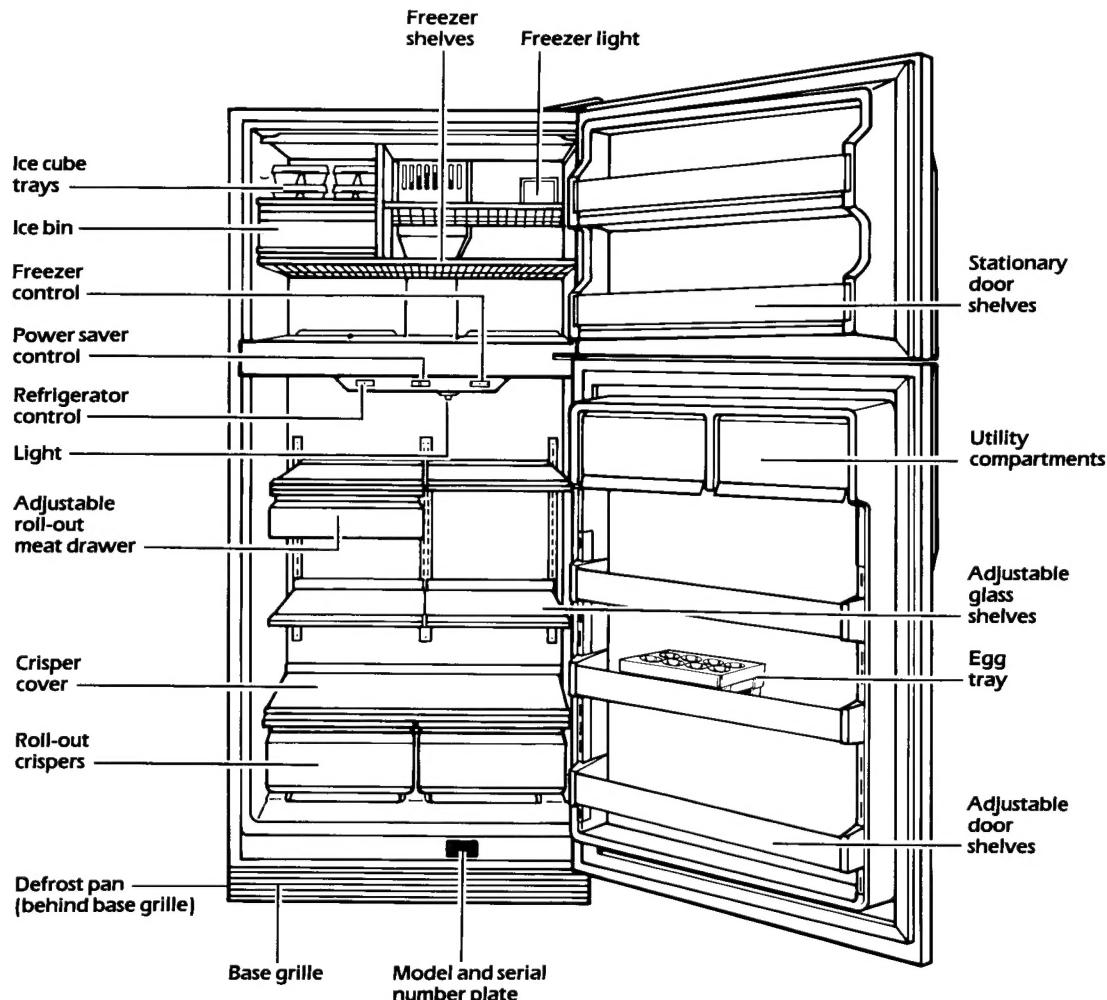
**Builder's or Dealer's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Model and serial numbers are located on a label on the right inside wall of the freezer section beneath the ice bin.

# Refrigerator-Freezer Features



# Installing the Refrigerator-Freezer

## Clean It

Clean your refrigerator before using it. See cleaning instructions on page 14.

Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label and any shipping tape before using the refrigerator.

### To remove any remaining glue:

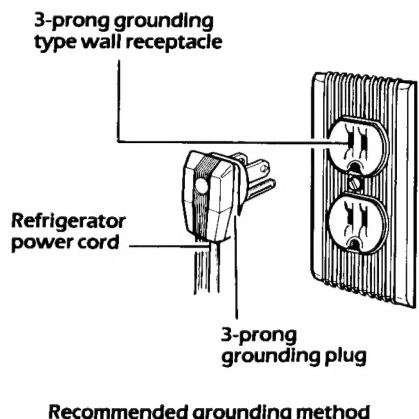
1. Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.  
**OR**
2. Soak area with liquid hand dishwashing detergent before removing glue as described in step 1.

**IMPORTANT:** DO NOT USE rubbing alcohol or flammable or toxic solvents, such as acetone, gasoline, carbon tetrachloride, etc. These can damage the finish.

**DO NOT REMOVE THE INSTRUCTION LABEL FOR SETTING THE CONTROLS INSIDE THE REFRIGERATOR.**

**DO NOT REMOVE** the Tech Sheet fastened under the refrigerator, behind the base grille.

## Plug It In



A 115 Volt, 60 Hz., AC only, 15 or 20 Amp fused and properly grounded

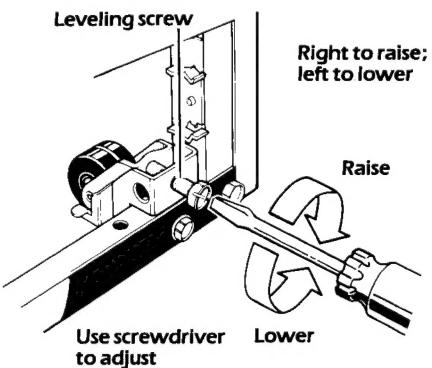
electrical supply is required. It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided.

**Do not use an extension cord.**  
**Use a receptacle which cannot be turned off with a switch or pull chain.** See Electrical Requirements and Grounding Instruction Sheet in your Literature Package.

## Locate Properly

1. Allow  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (1.25 cm) on each side of the refrigerator for ease of installation.
2. If the refrigerator is to be against a wall, you might want to leave extra space on the hinge side so the door can be opened wider.
3. The refrigerator back can be flush against the wall.

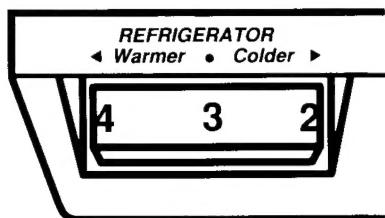
## Level Refrigerator-Freezer



1. Remove base grille. (See page 10.)
2. To raise front, turn each screw to the right.
3. To lower front, turn each screw to the left.
4. Check with level.

# Using the Refrigerator-Freezer

## Temperature Controls



Refrigerator control

Controls for the refrigerator and freezer are in the refrigerator. When the refrigerator is first plugged in:

1. Set the Refrigerator Control to 3.
2. Set the Freezer Control to 2.

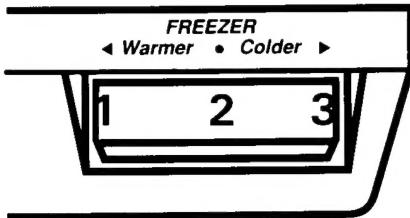
These settings should be about right for normal household refrigerator usage.

Give the refrigerator time to cool-down completely before adding food. (This may take several hours.) The controls will be set about right when milk or juice is as cold as you like and when ice cream is firm.

To change the temperature setting, follow the steps given below:

1. Adjust the Refrigerator Control first.
2. Wait at least 24 hours before making further adjustments. This gives the refrigerator and/or freezer time to reach set temperature.
3. Adjust the Freezer Control, if necessary.

To make the refrigerator or freezer colder, turn the control(s) to the right. To make the refrigerator or freezer less cold, turn the control(s) to the left. Changing either the Refrigerator Control or Freezer Control will affect the temperature of both compartments.



Freezer control

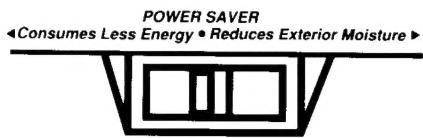
Use the settings listed in the chart below as a guideline when adjusting temperature controls:

CONDITION	RECOMMENDED CONTROL SETTING ADJUSTMENTS:	
If refrigerator section is too warm.	Refrigerator	4
	Freezer	1
If freezer section is too warm.	Refrigerator	3
	Freezer	3
If refrigerator section is too cold.	Refrigerator	2
	Freezer	2
If ice isn't made fast enough.	Refrigerator	3
	Freezer	3
If both sections are too warm.	Refrigerator	4
	Freezer	2

The following reasons can cause the conditions listed above:

- Door opened often.
- Large amount of food added.
- Room temperature too warm.
- Room temperature too cold. (Refrigerator doesn't cycle often enough.)
- Controls not set correctly for your conditions.
- Heavy ice usage.

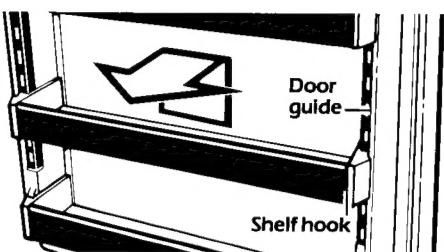
## Power Saver Control



The **POWER SAVER Control** on the Control Console operates electric heaters around the door openings. These heaters help keep moisture from forming on the outside of the refrigerator.

1. Use the **Consumes Less Energy** setting when humidity is low.
2. Use the **Reduces Exterior Moisture** setting if moisture forms on the outside of the refrigerator. During warm humid weather, you may want to leave the switch on.

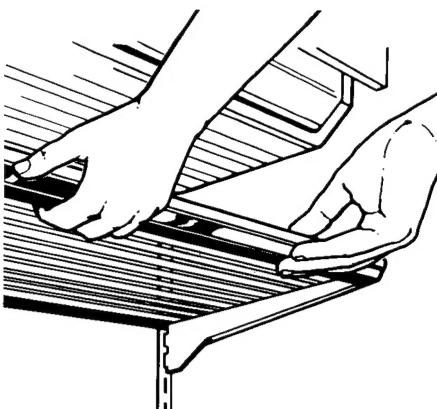
## Door Shelves



**To remove:**  
Lift up and pull out.

**To replace:**  
1. Insert shelf hooks into guides on both sides.  
2. Push down to lock in place.

## Refrigerator Shelves



Shelves can be adjusted to match the way you use your refrigerator.

**To remove:**

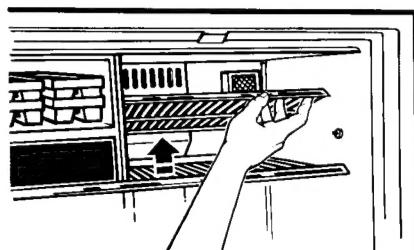
1. Tilt up at front.
2. Lift up at back.
3. Pull shelf straight out.

**IMPORTANT:** Glass shelves are heavy. Handle with care.

**To replace:**

1. Guide the rear hooks into the slots in the shelf supports.
2. Tilt up front of shelf until hooks drop into slots. Lower front of shelf to level position. Check the stability of the shelf to be sure hooks have been properly inserted.

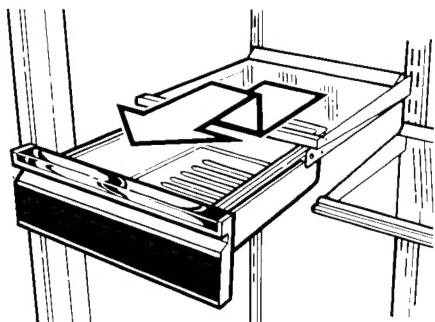
## Freezer Upper Shelf



**To remove:**  
1. Lift front slightly.  
2. Lift back off supports.

**To replace:**  
Replace in reverse order.

## Meat Drawer



### To remove meat drawer:

1. Roll out to the stop.
2. Lift front and pull out the rest of the way.

### To replace:

Replace in reverse order.

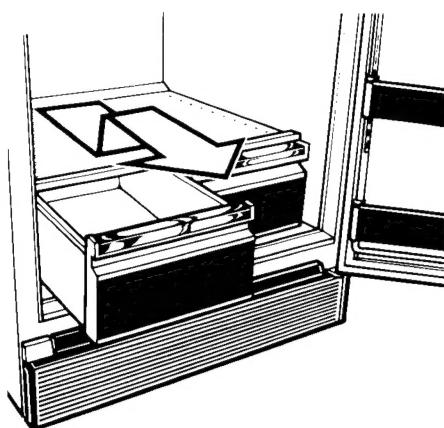
### To remove cover:

1. Tilt front of cover up.
2. Lift at back and pull straight out.

### To replace:

Replace in reverse order.

## Crispers



### To remove crispers:

1. Roll out to the stop.
2. Lift front and pull out the rest of the way.

### To replace:

Replace in reverse order.

### To remove glass cover:

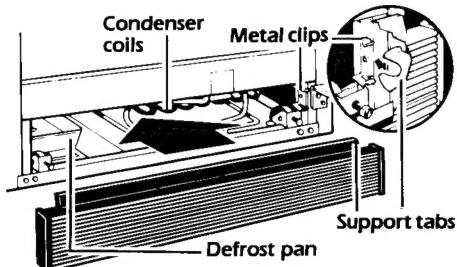
1. Lift front of cover and pull forward to the stops.
2. Carefully lift cover up and out.

**IMPORTANT:** Glass shelves are heavy. Handle with care.

### To replace:

1. Position cover on supports at the stops.
2. Lift cover front slightly and push in and down until it is securely in place.

## Base Grille



### To remove base grille:

1. Open the refrigerator door.
2. Pull grille out.
3. **Do not remove Tech Sheet** fastened behind the grille.

### To replace:

1. Line up grille support tabs with metal clips.
2. Push firmly to snap into place.
3. Close the refrigerator door.

## Defrost Pan

**Personal Injury Hazard**  
Refrigeration system tubes are located above the defrost pan and can become hot. Remove and install defrost pan carefully. Failure to do so could cause personal injury.

### To remove defrost pan:

1. Remove base grille. See above.
2. Lift defrost pan over wire brace. Remove tape, if any.
3. Clean as described on page 14.

### To replace:

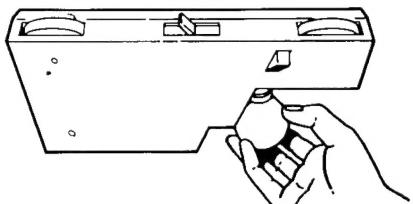
1. Replace with notched corner to the rear.
2. Push pan in all the way. Make sure defrost drain tube is directed into pan.
3. Replace base grille. See above.

## Changing The Light Bulbs

### Electrical Shock Hazard

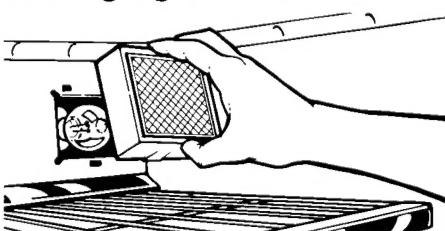
Before removing the light bulb, either unplug the refrigerator or disconnect the electricity leading to the refrigerator at the main power supply. Shock and injury can occur if electricity remains connected.

### To change light bulb behind control console in refrigerator:



1. Disconnect refrigerator from power supply.
2. Reach behind Control Console to find bulb.
3. Remove bulb.
4. Replace with a 40-watt appliance bulb.

### To change light bulb in freezer:



1. Disconnect refrigerator from power supply.
2. Grasp bulb cover at top and bottom. Press up on bottom while tilting cover up, then pull off.
3. Remove bulb.
4. Replace with a 40-watt appliance bulb.
5. Insert cover tabs into holes and snap into place.

## Sounds You May Hear

Your new refrigerator may make different sounds than your previous one.

Hard surfaces such as the ceiling, walls, and cabinets around the refrigerator can make sounds seem louder.

The following chart describes the kinds of sounds that might be new to you and what causes them.

SOUNDS/OBSERVATIONS	CAUSES
<b>Hum or hiss</b>	The refrigerator's fan motor and moving air.
<b>Clicking or snapping sounds</b>	The thermostat makes a definite click when the refrigerator stops running. It also makes a sound when the refrigerator starts. The defrost timer will click when the defrost cycle starts and stops.
<b>Running sounds</b>	The high-efficiency compressor and motor will run longer than older designs.
<b>Trickling water/water sounds</b>	During the defrost cycle, the refrigerator will not be running. The trickling water is the frost accumulation on the freezer coil melting and running into the defrost pan. When the refrigerator stops running, you may hear gurgling in the tubing for a few minutes.

## To Save Energy

- Open the doors as few times as possible. Keep food organized so you do not have to search for what you want. Get everything you need out at one time. Close the door as soon as food is removed.
- Fill the refrigerator, but do not overcrowd it so air movement is blocked.
- Set the refrigerator and freezer temperatures to suit your needs – ice cream should be firm and beverages should be as cold as you like them. Avoid setting the refrigerator and freezer temperatures colder than is necessary.

- Make sure your refrigerator is not next to a heat source such as a range, water heater, furnace, radiator, or in direct sunlight.
- Keep the **POWER SAVER Control** on **Consumes Less Energy** unless moisture forms on refrigerator exterior.
- Check door gasket for tight seal. Level the cabinet to be sure of a good seal.
- Clean the condenser coil regularly.

# Food Storage Guide

## Fresh Food

### Vegetables

- Leafy

Remove store wrapping. Tear off bruised and discolored areas. Wash in cool water, drain. Place in plastic bag or container and store in crisper.

- With skins

Place in plastic bags or containers and store in crisper.

### Fruit

- Berries

Sort to remove injured berries. Do not wash berries until they are to be served. Store in original container in crisper.

- Other

Sort to remove injured fruit before storing. Wash fruit, let dry, place in perforated plastic bag or loosely covered plastic container and store in crisper.

### Meat

- Cured or smoked meat and cold cuts

Store in original packaging until opened. When opened, tightly rewrap using plastic wrap or aluminum foil.

- Fresh, prepackaged meat & poultry

Store in original packaging.

- Fresh meat, not prepackaged

Remove market wrapping paper. Rewrap in aluminum foil.

- Fresh poultry, not prepackaged

Remove market wrapping paper. Rewrap in plastic wrap.

- Cooked meat & poultry

Wrap or cover with plastic wrap or aluminum foil. Store immediately.

- Fresh fish & shellfish

Store in plastic bag or tightly covered container.

## Dairy Products

- Eggs

Store in original carton or use the egg tray. For best storage, place on interior shelf.

- Milk

Store in original container on refrigerator shelf.

- Butter or margarine

Store in the utility compartment or on refrigerator shelf until opened. When opened, store in covered dish or on butter dish in the utility compartment.

- Cheese

Store in original packaging until opened. When opened, tightly rewrap in plastic wrap or aluminum foil and store in utility compartment or on refrigerator shelf.

## Leftovers

Cover with plastic wrap or aluminum foil, or place in plastic containers with tight fitting lids.

## Condiments

Store small jars and bottles in door shelves.

## Beverages

Wipe off bottles and cans. Store on door or refrigerator shelves.

## REFRIGERATOR STORAGE CHART FOR FRESH AND CURED MEAT\*

Type	Approximate Time (Days)
Chicken	1 to 2
Ground beef	1 to 2
Variety meat	1 to 2
Steaks and roasts	3 to 5
Cold cuts	3 to 5
Bacon	5 to 7
Cured meat	7 to 10

\*If meat is to be stored longer than the times given, freezing is recommended.

**IMPORTANT:** Fresh fish and shellfish should be used the same day as purchased.

## Frozen Food

### Prepackaged frozen food

Store in original packaging on freezer door shelf or on freezer shelf.

### Meat/poultry

Trim off excess fat and remove bones when necessary. Meat/poultry should not be salted. Wrap tightly in heavy-duty aluminum foil, plastic-coated wrapper, or non-permeable plastic wraps (made from a saran film). Press out as much air as possible. Label and date the meat/poultry. Do not refreeze thawed meat.

### Ice cream

Store in original packaging. When opened, place piece of aluminum foil or waxed paper against ice cream surface to prevent the formation of ice crystals.

### Frozen juices

Store in original container on freezer door shelf or on freezer shelf.

## STORAGE CHART FOR FROZEN FOOD\*

Type	Approximate Time (Months)
Bread	2
Cooked dishes	2 to 3
Fish and seafood	
• fresh	6
• commercially frozen	1 to 3
Fruit	6
Ice cream	1
Concentrated juice	4 to 6
Meat	
• bacon	less than 1
• pork roast, chops	3 to 4
• sausage	1 to 2
• beef, veal, lamb roasts	6
• ground meat	1 to 2
• poultry	3 to 4
Vegetables	6

\*Storage times given in this chart are only a guide. For best use of freezer space, keep frozen food for short times. Use, then replace as needed.

Courtesy of National Livestock & Meat Board and U.S.D.A.

# Vacation and Moving Care

## Short Vacations

If you will be away for less than four weeks, there is no need to shut off the refrigerator. Use up perishables and freeze other items.

## Long Vacations

Remove all food if you will be gone a month or more.

Unplug the refrigerator and clean it... rinse well and dry. Tape rubber or wood blocks to the top of both doors... keeping them open far enough for air to get in. This will keep odor and mold from building up.

To restart the refrigerator, see "Using the Refrigerator-Freezer," page 7.

## Moving

If the refrigerator-freezer must be moved, contact the dealer from whom you purchased the refrigerator-freezer or your local KitchenAid authorized servicer.

# Cleaning the Refrigerator-Freezer

The refrigerator and freezer sections defrost automatically. However, both should be cleaned once a month to help prevent odors from building up. Spills should be wiped up immediately.

To clean, turn the Refrigerator Control to OFF, unplug it, take out all removable parts, and clean it according to the directions given below.

## Cleaning Chart

PART	WHAT TO USE	HOW TO CLEAN
<b>Removable parts</b> (shelves, crispers, meat drawer, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sponge or cloth</li><li>• Mild detergent and warm water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and mild detergent.</li><li>• Rinse and dry well.</li></ul>
<b>Exterior surfaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sponge, soft cloth or paper towel</li><li>• Mild detergent</li><li>• Appliance wax or good auto paste wax</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and mild detergent.</li><li>• <b>Do not use abrasive or harsh cleansers.</b></li><li>• Rinse and dry well.</li><li>• Wax painted metal surfaces at least twice a year with appliance wax or a good auto paste wax. Apply wax with a clean, soft cloth. Waxing painted metal surfaces provides rust protection.</li><li>• <b>Do not use wax on plastic parts.</b></li></ul>
<b>Interior walls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sponge, soft cloth or paper towel</li><li>• Mild detergent</li><li>• Warm water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and mild detergent.</li><li>• Rinse and dry well.</li></ul>
<b>Door liners and gaskets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sponge, soft cloth or paper towel</li><li>• Mild detergent</li><li>• Warm water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and mild detergent.</li><li>• Rinse and dry well.</li><li>• <b>Do not use cleaning waxes, concentrated detergents, bleaches, or cleaners containing petroleum or alcohol on plastic parts.</b></li></ul>
<b>Panels</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean as you would your kitchen cabinets.</li></ul>
<b>Base grille</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacuum cleaner with brush attachment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacuum grille with brush attachment.</li></ul>
<b>Defrost pan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sponge or cloth</li><li>• Mild detergent</li><li>• Warm water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See page 10 for removal and replacement instructions.</li><li>• Wash defrost pan with warm water and mild detergent.</li><li>• Rinse and dry well.</li></ul>
<b>Condenser coils</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacuum cleaner with extended narrow attachment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Should be cleaned periodically.</li><li>• Remove base grille. (See page 10.)</li><li>• Vacuum using extended narrow attachment.</li><li>• Replace base grille.</li></ul>

# If You Need Service or Assistance

1. If the refrigerator should fail to operate, review the following list before calling your dealer. You could save the cost of a service call.

**If the refrigerator will not operate:**

- Is the electric cord plugged in?
- Is a fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped?
- Is the Refrigerator Control in the OFF position?

**If the refrigerator makes unfamiliar sounds:**

- New features on your refrigerator make new sounds. You may be hearing air flowing from fans, timer clicks for the defrosting cycle, or defrost water draining into the defrost pan. See page 11.

**If there is water in the defrost pan:**

- This is normal in hot, muggy weather. The pan can even be half full. Make sure the refrigerator is level so the pan does not overflow.

**If the lights are not working:**

- Is a fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped?
- Is the light bulb burned out? See instructions for changing light bulbs on page 10.

**If the motor seems to run too long:**

- The motor naturally runs longer on hot days or if the room is warm, as well as when a large amount of food has been put into the refrigerator or the doors have been opened a lot.

2. If the problem is not due to one of the above items:

- Call your dealer or the repair service he recommends.
- All service should be handled locally by the dealer from whom you purchased the refrigerator or an authorized KitchenAid servicer.

3. In the event you are unable to obtain the name of a local authorized KitchenAid servicer:

- Call KitchenAid Customer Relations, TOLL FREE **800-422-1230**. A Customer Relations representative can recommend a qualified service company in your area.
- If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase and a complete description of the problem. Write to:

Customer Relations Department  
KitchenAid, Inc.  
P.O. Box 558  
St. Joseph, MI 49085-0558

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

4. If you are not satisfied with the action taken:

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer, or KitchenAid, Inc. has failed to resolve your problem.

Major Appliance Consumer  
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- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

**KitchenAid™**

# *Freestanding Refrigerator Warranty*

LENGTH OF WARRANTY:	KITCHENAID WILL PAY FOR:	KITCHENAID WILL NOT PAY FOR:
<b>ONE YEAR FULL WARRANTY FROM DATE OF PURCHASE.</b>	Replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized KitchenAid servicing outlet.	A. Service calls to: 1. Correct the installation of the refrigerator. 2. Instruct you how to use the refrigerator. 3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring. 4. Correct house plumbing.  B. Repairs when refrigerator is used in other than normal home use.  C. Damage resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, abuse, improper installation or installation not in accordance with local electrical or plumbing codes.  D. Any food loss due to product failure.  E. Replacement parts or repair labor costs for units operated outside the United States.  F. Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.  G. Any labor costs during the Limited Warranty.
<b>FIVE YEAR FULL WARRANTY FROM DATE OF PURCHASE.</b>	Replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship in the sealed refrigeration system. These parts are: 1. Compressor 2. Evaporator 3. Condenser 4. Drier 5. Connecting Tubing. Service must be provided by an authorized KitchenAid servicing outlet.	
<b>TEN YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY.</b> <b>ONE YEAR FULL PLUS SECOND THROUGH TENTH YEAR LIMITED FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION.</b>	Replacement or repair of the refrigerator/freezer cavity liner if the part chips or rusts due to defective materials or workmanship.	

**KITCHENAID, INC. DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion or limitation may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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